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## West Virginia Adjutant General's update on RISE West Virginia case management

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - West Virginia National Guard's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. James Hoyer, issues the following update on RISE West Virginia's case management status:

Work on one stick-built project and one mobile home replacement project are finishing the last items needed to be ready for their final inspections by the West Virginia National Guard's Quality Assurance/Quality Control Team and are anticipated to be completed early next week. Two additional projects, one mobile home replacement and one stick-built home, have transitioned to the demolition portion of the process. Once this has been completed, weather permitting, work will begin on the foundation and piers for these two projects.

At this time, there are 42 other mobile home unit and reconstruction projects are at varying points in the construction process in the RISE West Virginia program in Clay, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Kanawha and Webster Counties. Additionally, 35 more projects will move into the construction phase within the next few weeks as notices to proceed were submitted this week.

The total number of completed cases remains at 47. The number of outstanding Housing Program cases continues to rise, bringing the total to 476 as new cases continue to come in and previously inactive cases are brought back to active status. The current breakdown of those cases by construction type are as follows: 245 cases require total reconstruction, 105 cases require some form of rehabilitation actions, and 114 cases require new mobile home replacement, while 12 cases are awaiting initial project type.

"The work done to date by the West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) team and the tremendous outpouring of donations and time from a multitude of organizations and communities has been critical in the repair, rebuilding, and replacement of more than 2,200 homes and 69 bridges throughout impacted counties since the 2016 floods," stated Hoyer. "I would like to personally thank each and every volunteer whose efforts and dedication to helping West Virginia families rebuild their lives has been and continues to be inspiring and most welcome. While much remains to be done, volunteer efforts have been

instrumental in our efforts and are an indispensable part of moving us forward."

Any families who feel they still have any unmet needs or who are looking for an update on their case are urged to contact the new VOAD office over the phone at 304-553-0927 or through email at DisasterRecovery@wv.gov. A hotline is also available for anyone needing to report fraud with regard to the RISE West Virginia program at 1-866-WVWATCH (1-866-989-2824).

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